National Transportation Safety Board NTSB ID: CHI00LA254A Aircraft Registration Number: N1116Y FACTUAL REPORT Occurrence Date: 08/11/2000 Most Critical Injury: None AVIATION Occurrence Type: Accident Investigated By: NTSB Location/Time Nearest City/Place State Zip Code Local Time Time Zone 2300 NORTH PLATTE NE 69103 CDT Distance From Landing Facility: Direction From Airport: Airport Proximity: On Airport Aircraft Information Summary Aircraft Manufacturer Model/Series Type of Aircraft Cessna 208B Airplane

Sightseeing Flight: No

Air Medical Transport Flight: No

Narrative

Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:

On August 11, 2000, about 2300 central daylight time, a Cessna 208B, N1116Y, piloted by a commercial pilot, sustained minor damage during taxiing when it impacted a standing Cessna 172N, N734WD, operated by a commercially rated flight instructor with a student pilot on board, on taxiway B at North Platte Regional Airport Lee Bird Field, near North Platte, Nebraska. N734WD sustained substantial damage. N1116Y was operating as a non-scheduled domestic cargo flight under the provisions of 14 CFR Part 135 and N734WD was operating as an instructional flight under the provisions of 14 CFR Part 91. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time of the accident. N1116Y had an IFR flight plan on file and N734WD had a VFR flight plan on file. The three pilots were uninjured. Both flights were originating at the time of the accident. N1116Y was destined for Central Nebraska Regional Airport, near Grand Island, Nebraska, and N734WD was destined for Tri-County Airport, near Erie, Colorado.

The Cessna 208B's pilot stated, "I saw the aircraft taxi toward the south west out of the grass, and then south to the taxiway. After doing paper work, I got into the airplane (time was 22:50) and started the airplane engine completed the checklist and turned on taxi lights and started to taxi from the ramp. The radio tuned to 123.00 and transmitted that Sub Air was taxing from the ramp to runway 12. I then noticed that the airport lights were not on. I thought this was odd because of the 172 which had taxied out. I stopped the airplane which was still on the ramp and switched the radio from 132.7 back to 123.00 and turned on the lights. I then switched back to 132.7 and called Denver center and received the IFR clearance. At this time I was just leaving the As I taxied onto the taxiway going East I was wondering where the 172 was because I had not heard any calls from it for take off. The airplane was light so powerlever was at idle and was not taxiing very fast, still could not locate the 172. Then all of a sudden I saw the rudder of the airplane. There were no lights on the tail of 172 that I could see. I applied the brakes and slid the wheels but the propeller cut into the tail of the 172. I stopped and the 172 taxied forward approximately 20 feet. I shut down the engine and got out of the 208. Two pilots were out of their 172 but the master switch was still on because I now could see the glow of the red nav light on the left wing on the ground. The strobe on the belly at the 172 was not on."

The Cessna 172N's instructor stated, "We began our taxi without our taxi/landing light on, using only our beacon and position lights. ... While at the hold short line we performed our run-up and opened our flight plan. My standard procedures for switching to FSS while on a CTAF are to switch the transmitter to the frequency on which I'm about to talk, and monitor the CTAF simultaneously. We followed this procedure and while I opened our flight plan, I heard no traffic advisories on the CTAF. 30 seconds after switching back to the CTAF for transmission, I turned my head left to look at [my student]. Out of my peripheral vision I saw a red glow moving toward us from behind. At this point I turned completely 180 degrees to our six o'clock looking directly behind us. The sight I saw next was the most horrifying scene that I have ever witnessed as a pilot. Out of the red glow of what I can only assume was our beacon, I saw the intake and spinner of the Grand Caravan bearing down on us at an unbelievable rate. I moved my hand and head forward as quickly as

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possible in an attempt to firewall the throttle. This effort was futile because my student was on the brakes and didn't know what was happening. As it turned out, the Caravan hit us before my hand reached the throttle. The plane shook violently forward and to the right for no more than 2 or 3 seconds. By this time I had reached the throttle and moved us forward enough to be out of the other aircraft's way."

A witness stated, "[The Cessna 172N] taxied out to taxi way 'B'. As he was leaving I saw that he did have his beacon on the tail flashing, this was about 10:40. Between 10:40 and 10:55 I finished closing up shop. At 10:55 I went outside to have a smoke and wait for 11:00 to roll around. As I walked outside, [the Cessna 208B] was on taxiway 'B' traveling at a moderate to slightly high speed. Nothing outrageous but he was moving along. Then I saw the impact. At first I didn't know what happened, if the caravan had blown a tire and the nose gear collapsed. It wasn't until I drove out there that I saw the 172 with the tail tore off that I realized what had happened."

A navigation light assembly from the Cessna 172N was recovered from the scene. The assembly was sent to the National Transportation Safety Board's Materials Laboratory. The report stated, "...All of the glass had been broken away, and none of the filament remained attached to the deformed filament posts. For this reason, the condition of the filament could not be determined." See appended Materials Laboratory Factual Report.

Black colored ground marks were found trailing behind the Cessna 208B's main tires. See appended photographs.

At 2256, the North Platte Regional Airport Lee Bird Field weather was: Wind 160 degrees at 11 knots; visibility 10 statute miles; sky condition clear; temperature 30 degrees C; dew point 11 degrees C; altimeter 29.95 inches of mercury.

The airport manager stated, "As you can see the airport safety inspection was made at 640am Friday and the lights were working. We had no reports that the taxiway lights were inop anytime that evening. The lights were on when I arrived at the accident site around 1145pm." See appended statement and safety inspection.

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Landing Facility/Approach Info	rmation												
Airport Name			Airport ID	D: Air	port Elevati	rt Elevation Runway Used		Runway Length		th	Runv	vay Width	
NORTH PLATTE REGIONAL LE					2779 Ft.	MSL	0						
Runway Surface Type:													
Runway Surface Condition:													
Type Instrument Approach: NONE													
VFR Approach/Landing:													
Aircraft Information													
Aircraft Manufacturer Cessna				del/Serie 08B	es						Numbe 3-0368	er	
Airworthiness Certificate(s): Normal													
Landing Gear Type: Tricycle													
Homebuilt Aircraft? No N	omebuilt Aircraft? No Number of Seats: 2					Certified Max Gross Wt.					er of En	er of Engines: 1	
				Engine Manufacturer: Model/Serie P&W PT6A-114									
- Aircraft Inspection Information													
Type of Last Inspection			Date of L	Date of Last Inspection Time Sir			ince Last Inspection			Airframe Total Time			
AAIP			07/18/2	07/18/2000				64 Hours				3840 Hours	
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (EL	.T) Information												
ELT Installed? Yes	ELT Operate	ed? No		ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site?									
Owner/Operator Information													
Registered Aircraft Owner			Stree	Street Address P.O. BOX 19090									
SUBURBAN AIR FREIGHT			City							Stat NE	е	Zip Code 68119	
Operator of Aircraft			Street Address										
Same as Reg'd Aircraft Owner			Same as Reg'd Aircraft Owner City							Stat	е	Zip Code	
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:											
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held:								Detator Design	nator oc				
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s): C	n-demand Air T	axi											
Operating Certificate:					Operator C	ertific	ate:						
Regulation Flight Conducted Under:	Part 135: Air Ta	xi & Co	ommuter	r									
Type of Flight Operation Conducted:	Unknown												
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First Pilot Information												
Name				City			State Da		ate of Birth	Age		
On File					On File			On F	ïle		56	
Sex: M Seat Occupied:	Prir	ncipal Profes	n Pilot	ot Certificate Number: On File								
Certificate(s): Commercial												
Airplane Rating(s): Multi	-engine Lar	nd; Single-e	ngine Land									
Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA: None	9											
Instrument Rating(s): Airplane												
Instructor Rating(s): None												
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? No Current Biennial Flight Review?												
Medical Cert.: Class 2	Medica	l Cert. Status	s: Valid Med	dicalw/ wa	ivers/lim.		Date of L	ast Med	lical Exa	am: 11/29/19	999	
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- Flight Time Matrix	Flight Time Matrix All A/C This Make and Model		Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Mult-Engine	Night	Ins Actual	rument Simulated	Ro	otorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	
Total Time	3232	226	1487	1745	1000	1000 162		50				
Pilot In Command(PIC)	3100	200	1400	1700	1000	16	2 5	50				
Instructor												
Last 90 Days					184	1:		_				
Last 30 Days					61		4	_				
Last 24 Hours					2		10		Τ.	150.00		
Seatbelt Used? Yes	Shou	lder Harness	Used? Yes		Toxico	ology Perfo	rmed? No		Sec	cond Pilot? No)	
Flight Plan/Itinerary												
Type of Flight Plan Filed: IF	R											
Departure Point					State	Air	port Identifi	ifier Departur		ure Time	Time Zone	
Same as Accident/Incide	nt Location					LE	F		0000			
Destination					State	Air	irport Identifier					
GRAND ISLAND	NE											
Type of Clearance: IFR												
Type of Airspace: Class	G											
Weather Information												
Source of Briefing: Flight Service Station												
Method of Briefing:												
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Weather Information														
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF	Elevation	n	WOF Distance From Accident Site					Direction From Accident Site			
LBF	2256	CST	2	779 Ft. I	MSL				0 NM	0 Deg. Ma			g. Mag.	
Sky/Lowes	st Cloud Condition: Clear	ſ			0 Ft. AGL					Condition of Light: Night/Dark				
Lowest Ce	iling: None			0 Ft. AGL			ility:	10	SM	Altimeter: 29.00			"Hg	
Temperatu	ıre: 86 °C [Dew Point:	5	52 °C Wind Direction: 160 Density Altitude:								Ft.		
Wind Spee	ed: 11	Gusts:		Weather Condtions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions										
Visibility (R	RVR): 0 Ft.	Visibility	(RVV)	0	SM	Intensit	y of Preci	pitation:	Unknown					
Restriction	Restrictions to Visibility: None													
Type of Precipitation: None														
Accident Information														
Aircraft Dar	mage:		Airc	craft Fire	:	Aircraft Explo					osion			
Classificati	on:													
- Injury Su	mmary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor		None	TOTAL							
First Pi	lot					1		1						
Second	d Pilot													
Studen	t Pilot													
Flight In	nstructor													
Check	Pilot													
Flight E	Engineer													
Cabin A	Attendants													
Other C	Crew													
Passen	ngers													
- TOTAL A	ABOARD -					1		1						
Other G	Ground	0	0		0			0						
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